Roorkee in Uttarakhand and Harcourt Butler Technological Institute, Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh. The Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology has approved Software Technological Parks of India (STPI) centre at Varanasi and Agra in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Research laboratories of CSIR in Tamil Nadu

1389. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of research laboratories of CSIR that have been set up in the State of Tamil Nadu and their percentage of the total number of laboratories of CSIR in the country;

(b) whether Union Government proposes to set-up more laboratories in the State considering the availability of large number of scientific and technical persons in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) CSIR has set up three research laboratories in the State of Tamil Nadu which is about 8% of the total laboratories (37 Nos.). The name of the laboratories are:

(i) Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi;

(ii) Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Chennai; and

(iii) Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC), Chennai.

In addition, CSIR has set up CSIR Madras Complex also in the premises of SERC where extension centres/units of the following laboratories are located:

(i) Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Karaikudi;

(ii) Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute, Pilani;

(iii) Central Scientific Instruments Organization, Chandigarh;

(iv) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur; and

(v) National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur.

(b) and (c) No Sir. CSIR, at present has no plans to set up more laboratories in the State. CSIR at this point of time is consolidating the core competencies of its laboratories across India.

Review of compulsory packaging of sugar and foodgrains in jute bags

1390. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has continued a reservation for 100 per cent jute packaging for foodgrains and sugar;

(b) whether Government is aware that such reservation affects the plastic woven sacks industries in many States; and